

At Park Hill, we teach our Guided Reading lessons using the VIPERS reading skills.

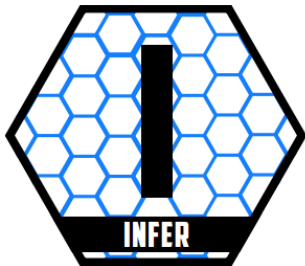
What are Reading Vipers?

These are the key reading skills for children to be able to read and comprehend a wide range of literary texts.



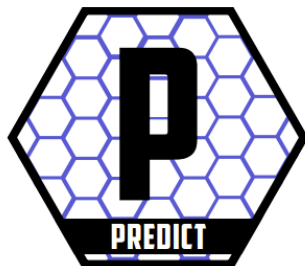
Vocabulary

Looking at the choice of words that an author uses in a text.



Inference

What is suggested but not said in the text? Read between the lines and find 'hidden' meaning.



Predict

What might happen next based on what has happened in the text?



Explain

Explain an aspect of the text. This may include why the author includes it.



Retrieve

Retrieve information from the text to answer questions.



Summarise

Sum up key points in the text or sequence events as a summary.

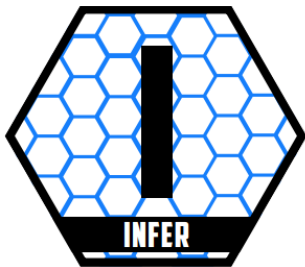
How can you support your child with their reading comprehension at home?

You could try one or more of these activities when your child is reading at home.



Vocabulary

Pick out two or three words from the text they have read and use the passage to discuss the meaning. Talk about other words that have the same meaning.



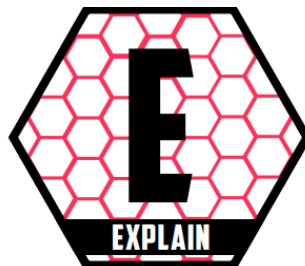
Inference

Discuss a character's personality or feelings – ask your child “how do you know this?” See if they can spot something that is suggested but not said: e.g. “the boy's hands were trembling” – we can infer that he might be nervous.



Predict

At the end of the chapter, encourage your child to make a prediction about what might happen next, based on what they know.



Explain

Pick an event from the chapter and ask your child to explain why they think it might be included. Find a phrase or word and discuss why the author used it – what effect does it have on the reader?



Retrieve

See if your child can retrieve key information from the chapter you've read with them e.g., names/details/events.



Summarise

At the end of the chapter/pages – see if your child can sum up the key points of what they have just read.